

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method of indexing a preform (1) comprising anchoring lugs (2) which project out from the body of the preform, said method being used when a container, such as bottle, is being produced from said preform by means of blowing or blowing/drawing. The inventive method comprises a heating step which is performed prior to the blowing or blowing/drawing step, whereby the preform is disposed on a transport support such that it can be rotated around the longitudinal axis thereof. Following said heating step, the preform is transferred to a corresponding mould (300) by means of a transfer clamp (210). According to the invention, the indexing step consists in mechanically blocking the rotation of the preform on the transport support thereof at a precise angular position which is determined according to the desired position of the preform in the mould (300).